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Great Tidings . . .



... of Christmas joy will be sung by the Glee Club and the entire school in tomorrow evening's program. Picture above is a group of freshman Glee Club choristers. Left to right, Patricia McInerney, Patricia O'Neill, Rosemary Flynn, Teresa Aldera, Joan Keller, Esther Kennedy and Helen Tegeler.

Joyful Tidings . . .



... were brought by mail to sophomore Maryann Nachowicz, telling her that she was the winner of a \$50 excellence award in a national piano contest.

Good Tidings . . .



... were proclaimed in the manner of Merrie Old England when Mary Goltz, dressed as a medieval herald, read the proclamation inviting the students to the yuletide banquet which was held in the college dining hall last evening. Left to right, Miss Goltz, Mary Jean Redington, Therese Nederhiser, Joan Keating, Patricia Holloway and Amorita Sarazine.

... Christmas Greetings . . .

All the world loves a lover. Perhaps that is why Christmas goes straight to our hearts. Year after year we respond to its magic and poetry, only to learn, as our understanding deepens, that the poetry and the magic are real. Here, in this little crib, lies the Divine lover of us all. We can claim Him, He is ours. No one, nothing can ever take Him from us. "A Child is born to us, a Son is given to us."

Carols and candlelight, crimson holly berries and gayly lighted tree, gifts given and received—all these tokens of Christmas love and remembrance we rightly cherish. They serve to frame the central fact which gives to all this external loveliness its meaning. "A Child . . . a Son, is given—to us." All the world loves a lover. Let each of us, in our Christmas Communion, humbly resolve to be that lover in a loveless world. Selfishness must give way to unselfishness if our lives are to be beautiful, happy, and enriching to others. How can we be lamps shining in the darkness, unless the light that is in us be the true Light, the light of divine love? May this gift be yours to have and to share a hundredfold this blessed Christmas!

SISTER MARY ANNE LEONE, B.V.M.
President, Clarke College

All-College Program Combines Christmas Play, Candlelighting

Combining Clarke's traditional candlelighting ceremony with the age-old story of Christmas as told in drama and song, Clarke College students will present the American premiere of *The Canticle of the Nativity* tomorrow evening at 8:15 in the college theatre. The performance will serve to convey the Christmas greetings of the Clarke faculty and students to the residents of Dubuque.

The entire student body will participate in the production which is under the auspices of the drama and music departments. Written by M. René Richard Bechet, the drama was translated by Sister Mary Constantia, B.V.M., head of the French department, who spent last year abroad studying at the Sorbonne.

Directors Play

The play is under the direction of Miss Laura Wright of the drama faculty. Two senior drama majors, Ann Donavon and Jane Mitchell are assisting her. Robert Emerick of the Loras drama department is acting as technical consultant.

Carrying lighted tapers and wearing black choral robes with red streamers, the students will walk in procession from the stage doors of the auditorium to the balcony where they will form the Chorale for the evening's presentation. During the procession they will sing *Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, a 13th century French Advent hymn.

Entire Group Sings

Other numbers to be sung by the entire group are *Christmas Lullaby* and *Noel*, both arranged by Dickens.

In the play Kathryn McCarthy will be the Blessed Mother. Therese Weigand will play the role of Elizabeth. Nancy Anderson will be the Angel

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Clarke to Open Radio Station; Studio Being Remodeled Now

CLRK will be the call letters of Clarke's future radio station which will have its studio in the Fine Arts building, according to Sister Mary Leola, B.V.M., head of the drama and radio departments. When the new studio is opened in February, the most modern broadcasting facilities will be at the disposal of all departments in the school.

The present radio studio and control room are now being completely remodeled under the direction of Vaughn Gayman, assistant director of radio stations WDBQ and WKBB and a member of the Clarke faculty.

Latest acoustical treatment will be used in the studio. Tonal fidelity will be improved by the installation of a polycylindrical wall at the far end of the room. The windows will be removed, single doors will be replaced by double ones, and the walls will be sound-proofed. Modern all-fluorescent lighting will be used.

Change Control Room

The control room is being completely redesigned and reequipped. A professional-type console arrangement will be installed and will include such features as a wire recorder and the latest type of sound effects equipment. The wire recorder can be used by the music and drama departments for re-

cording or transcriptions and also for recording any campus broadcast from the studio or network.

The sound effects equipment, the same kind used in a network station, consists of two speed turntables for the playing of records or transcriptions.

Excellent Equipment

According to Mr. Gayman, when the campus studio is finished it will be better equipped than the majority of commercial stations in the country.

One of the outstanding interior decorators of Dubuque has offered his services in planning the decorating of the two rooms.

The remodeling of the radio studio has been made possible through a gift to the college.

Judges Essay Contest

The Reverend James J. Donahue, a member of the Loras college faculty and author of *Exile Among the Stars*, will judge the entries in the essay contest for high school seniors which is being sponsored by the College Press club.

Bulletins announcing the rules of the contest have been sent to the high schools in the midwest area. Deadline for the contest is Jan. 31.

Pomp, Pageantry Of Old England Mark Banquet

Christmas in all its uniquely sacred import was celebrated with the pomp and pageantry of medieval England last evening when Clarke students supped in the college dining hall, decorated to resemble the mead-hall in an English manor.

Special guests of honor at the banquet table were His Excellency, the Most Reverend Henry P. Rohrman, archbishop of Dubuque, and the four college chaplains, the Reverends Arthur A. Halbach, Lawrence Guter, Eugene Weimer and John J. Pitzen.

Also present were the Right Reverend Monsignor William Schulte, the Reverend William Collins, the Reverend Phillip A. Hamilton and the lay faculty members.

At the blast of a horn at 6 p.m., the doors of the mead-hall swung open, revealing the long banquet table with its platters, goblets, and shakers of salt.

The guests waited at the door while carolers sang a rollicking tune. Then Mary Hoyman, the Lord Host, bid her guests, "Leave your white horses to squire and groom; haste ye and sup in our mead-room."

All the personages customarily rep-

(See YULE DINNER, page 3)

2 Piano Majors Will Compete In Local Auditions

Myrna Johnson and Maryann Nachowicz, piano majors, will be two of the entrants in the music auditions to be conducted by the Associated Concert Bureau of New York City in the Clarke College auditorium Jan. 14. Clarke will be the audition center for all cities in this area.

Each contestant is required to submit three selections, in piano, voice or violin. Winners in local auditions are eligible to enter the state auditions and state winners will be presented in recital in Carnegie Hall, New York City. The final winners will be presented in recital in their own home towns with all expenses paid.

Miss Johnson will play Rachmaninoff's Elegie, Brahms' Rhapsody in B Minor and Toch's The Juggler.

Miss Nachowicz's selections are Bach's Prelude in C Sharp, Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10 and Mendelssohn's Concerto in G Minor.

Last spring Miss Johnson was the winner of a Cavalier hope chest in a piano contest sponsored by a local radio program. Miss Nachowicz recently took top honors in a national piano recording contest.

Soph Accepted On College Board Of Mademoiselle

Mary Redus, for the second consecutive year, has found a pink envelope in her mailbox, signifying her appointment as a College Board editor for *Mademoiselle* magazine. Last week her first assignment for the year arrived.

Membership on this board follows the acceptance of an essay on some current problem or transition occurring in the modern college world. After becoming a member of the board one must fulfill three assignments in creative writing, critical writing and surveys.

From the College Board 20 girls are chosen each year to go to New York for a month to be guest editors for the college issue of *Mademoiselle*.

History, English Faculty Members Attend Conventions

Sister Mary Joan Patricia, B.V.M., of the history department, will attend the American and Catholic Historical convention at Washington, D.C., Dec. 27, 28 and 29. Sister will accompany Sister Mary Ambrose, B.V.M., former president of Clarke, who is now in the history department at Mundelein college, Chicago.

During the Thanksgiving vacation Sister Mary Philippa, Sister Mary Ignatia and Sister Mary Michail attended a national English convention in Chicago.

Russian Prince Is Scheduled For Piano Concert in January

George Chavchavadze, internationally famous pianist who has recently returned from a tour of England, France, Italy, Holland and Belgium, will be heard here on Tuesday, January 18, in the college auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

Chavchavadze, born a Russian prince in St. Petersburg, Russia, was a child prodigy at 5 and gave his first public performance at the age of 10 with an appearance at court for the benefit of the Russian war charities. When he was 15 his mother fled from the revolutionists and had the child sent to England where he could continue to develop his musical talents.

He made his professional debut at Wigmore Hall in London in June of 1927. He was received with great enthusiasm by the critics, and began touring the continent.

During the war Chavchavadze played at benefits for the Red Cross in England, and in July, 1940, began his first tour of North America. He has made several cross-country tours of America since then and has been Jersey.

Talking It Over . . .



The Reverend John S. Kennedy, renowned literary critic, takes time out after his lecture Dec. 3 to discuss critical reviewing with a group of book reviewers on the staff of *The Labarum*. Left to right, Maryann Nachowicz, Lorraine Savicz, Mary Helen Oktanski, Father Kennedy, Helen McMahon and Mary Redus.

Ring Those Bells!

Classes will close for the Christmas vacation Friday afternoon at 3:10 and will be resumed Monday morning, Jan. 10, at 8:20.

The staff of The Courier extends best wishes to the faculty and students for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Frosh Complete Class Elections

With a standard voting machine to make it official, and a newly-elected president as the judge, the freshmen elected five girls to fill the remaining class offices Nov. 24 and 25. The voting machine was procured through the courtesy of the county auditor.

Presidential runner-up Kathy Leonard, a graduate of Dubuque Senior high school, was chosen as freshman SLC representative. Vice-president of the class is Sheila Hogan, Chicago, a graduate of St. Scholastica high school.

Jane Greteman, Dubuque, from Visitation academy, was elected treasurer, and Thelma Good, Wichita, Kans., a graduate of Mount Carmel academy, is secretary. Mary Ann Cash, Rockford, Ill., a graduate of Bishop Muldoon high school, was elected class historian.

Mary Frances Wrenn was elected president of the class at an earlier election.

Dubuque Alumnae French Teacher Is Guest Speaker In Milwaukee

The Dubuque alumnae Clarke club held its annual Christmas tea in the solarium of Administration hall last Sunday afternoon. The tea was followed by Benediction in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart given by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor S. D. Luby, president of Loras college, who also spoke to the group.

Mrs. Wilbur Dalzell, vice-president of the club, was in charge of arrangements for the tea. On her committee were Mrs. J. Anthony Rhomberg, Mrs. Harry Ryan, Mrs. R. B. Rink, Miss Catherine Seitz, Mrs. Geraldine Schrup, Mrs. Lois Fosselman and Mrs. J. G. Graham.

Gifts for the orphans were collected from the members during the afternoon.

Chicago alumnae met at Holy Name Cathedral Dec. 5 for their annual Mass and Communion. A breakfast meeting followed at the Illinois Club for Catholic Women.

Co-chairmen of arrangements were Catherine Mahoney and Janann Longman Dyer. Sister Mary Crescentia, B.V.M., and Sister Mary St. Beatrice, B.V.M., attended the meeting.

Radio Program Previews Christmas Production

A preview of tomorrow evening's performance was given by the Glee Club Sunday afternoon when they presented a program of Christmas music over station WKBB. Ann Donovan, senior drama major, announced the numbers.

The program included four of the a cappella selections which the Glee Club will sing during the Christmas play.

Canticle . . .

(Continued from page 1) Gabriel. The Woman will be Joan Buckley, the Beggar, Rosemary Rapp, and the Traveler Angel will be portrayed by Adorine Maloy. The Shepherds are Shirley Beddoes, Mildred Roth, Barbara Young, Charlotte Henry, Jean Prebis and Mary McQuaid.

Loras students who have roles in the play are Fred Syburg as St. Joseph, John Husak as Isaias the Prophet, James Chapman as the Town Crier, James Croker as the Innkeeper, and Terence Spencer as the Boy.

The stage crew will be made up of Clarke and Loras students.

Stage manager is Thomas Wolf. Technical personnel includes Charles Blake, Roy Enderlin, William Hurley, Edward Maxwell and Howard Smith.

Members of the costume, lighting and makeup crews are Nancy Calkins, Maribeth DeWitt, Phyllis Frazier, Joan Geisler, Dierdre Lagen, Moya Lagen, Nancy Lingo, Mary McGinnis, Dorothy Newburgh, Ann Peaslee, Patricia Spellman, Rose Vogel, Marianne Anderson, and Dorothy Watson.



George Chavchavadze

starred on several network broadcasts. Chavchavadze has already received his first American citizenship papers, and has a home in Bernardsville, New Jersey.

Classes Hold Christmas Parties As Yuletide Nears

Holiday spirits are echoed in the Clarke corridors by festive decorations and mirthful melodies.

The senior class trimmed the large tree in the drawing room last Thursday, climaxing the evening by singing carols around the tree. Refreshments were served under the supervision of Mary McGinnis and Dolores Classen, assisted by Jane Mitchell, Lucille Lee and Pat Campbell.

Saturday night the senior class participated in a hayride party. Caroling was a major part of the fun. Co-chairmen of this event were Mary McCarten and Ann Donavan. The seniors are anticipating the annual serenade of carols to wake the sleepy underclassmen Friday morning.

Junior Bridge

Juniors held an informal bridge party around the Christmas tree in the drawing room of MFC hall last Tuesday evening. President Pat Morrey was in general charge of the evening's plans. Group singing was accompanied by Janet Mullen.

Highlight of the sophomore class party Monday night in the Union was the display of talent in an amateur show. General chairman of the affair was Dorothy Multhauf. Aiding her was Marie Spatz, as chairmen of entertainment, Pat Considine, refreshment committee chairman, and Pat Craemer, chairman of the rehabilitation committee.

Candy Canes

Santa Claus (Janet Blomgren) unexpectedly appeared at the freshman party to present each guest with a candy cane. Mary McQuaid was general chairman of the party and Shirley Beddoes was in charge of the entertainment.

Appearing on the program were Terry Aldera, Kay Peaslee, and Helen Gallagher. A group of city students presented a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Group carols were led by Virginia Brunk. These Fox was refreshment committee chairman and Marilyn Tritz planned the decorations.

Music, Drama Groups Schedule Scholarships

The Fine Arts division of Clarke college has scheduled its annual scholarship examinations for Jan. 15 and 22. Deadline for entries in the auditions is Jan. 1.

For the convenience of those wishing to compete for scholarship awards, auditions will be held in Chicago as well as in Dubuque. The Lyon and Healy Concert hall will be the Chicago center for the auditions, and the Fine Arts building at Clarke will be used for auditions in the Dubuque area.

Scholarships are available in art, piano, voice, violin and drama. Auditions for other orchestral instruments will be held upon request.

pulled in, the final ceremony was done, and the host, beckoning his trusted servant, called for the wassail bowl. The guests then drank the wassail pledge, one of the quaintest and oldest customs of the land.

The program for the evening was planned by the music and history departments. Lillian Cunningham was the narrator.

The students were duly invited to the dinner by the customary proclamation read by a medieval herald, Mary Goltz, last Sunday.

Dear Santa:

Once upon a time, not too many years ago, some little girls sent you their Christmas lists. Now those girls have grown up and come to college. They have put aside their lists of fairy tales, dolls, buggies, and bicycles, and in turn have taken up new requests.

If you are in doubt, Santa, as to what could take the place of those time-honored presents, we beg to give you a few suggestions.

In place of fairy tales, send us something which would produce the same wondrous effect: a complete— with footnotes—term paper, or a bound volume of Book Reports for Every Occasion.

Just as when we were smaller we thought the days too short, the same difficulty still confronts us. So, Santa, please bring us 48 hours each day in

stead of only 24. Other timely hints might include seven homework-free nights, no Monday classes and a whole bouquet of free days.

Fill all the tubes in the Bacti lab with "knowns" instead of "unknowns." Bring dish washers for the Home Ec kitchen. And, Santa, for the Courier staff members, please bring electric erasers.

Though many of our wishes are frivolous, we ask sincerely that you bring to all the class advisors a well-deserved rest.

Make Christmas for every Clarke girl as happy as can be. Let all of us have a holy, happy and peaceful Christmas.

Lovingly,
JEAN.

Sherman Hotel Plan Chicago Dance... Will Be Scene Of Xmas Dance

Arrangements have been completed for the Chicago Clarke Christmas dance which will be held in the Louis XVI Ballroom of the Sherman Hotel, December 30, under the chairmanship of June Dolembo, assisted by Dorthea Koval.

Virginia Wiltgen and Janet Mullen, co-chairmen of the orchestra committee, have engaged Jim Barclay's orchestra, while Mary V. Schuster and Jeanne Doll, ticket chairmen, have announced that bids are now on sale at \$4.00.

Rosalie Glanz and Patricia Murphy have invited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dolembo, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Morrison and Dr. and Mrs. W. I. Morrey to act as chaperones for the evening.

Loras Chicagoans have also made plans for a Christmas ball to be held in the Bal Tabarin Room of the Hotel Sherman, December 27.

Sodality Sponsors Varied Activities For Christmas

Pre-Christmas activities of the Sodality have been centered around the Mission Guild, under the direction of co-chairmen Ann Coogan and Mary Alice McDermott.

Virginia Heidkamp and Helen Mier, co-chairmen of the social committee, were program directors for the convocation skit last Friday to distribute the traditional letters from St. Mary's orphanage and St. Joseph's Old People's home. Dorothy Watson is in charge of delivering the gifts. Among those appearing in the skit were Lucille Lee, Rose Mary Ritts and Myrna Johnson.

The sale of mistletoe this week is under the chairmanship of Norae Dennison. This activity is sponsored by the sodality for an Indian mission in Muskogee, Okla.

The annual sale of Christmas seals is being directed by Jean Prebis, while Edith Pearson has taken charge of collecting clothes for the poor in Europe.



June Dolembo, left, and Patricia Morrey are making arrangements for the Clarke Christmas dance to be held in Chicago during the holidays. Miss Dolembo is chairman of the dance and Miss Morrey is president of the junior class which is in charge of the formal.

Alumna Accepts Position in Holland With Government

Theo Schmid, Clarke alumna, has accepted a position with the United States government's economic cooperation administration in The Hague, governmental center of Holland, according to a recent news dispatch.

Miss Schmid, whose home is in Rapid City, S.D., flew to the Netherlands several weeks ago and expects to remain there at least two years.

A Red Cross worker during the war, Miss Schmid spent 18 months in the Pacific theatre.

Christmas Story Broadcast Again By Radio Club

A transcription of "The Storm King's Gift," an original story by Moya Lagen, was broadcast Saturday on the weekly Children's program presented by the Radio Club.

The story was given last year as a special feature and is being repeated this time by popular request. Miss Lagen, a member of the Radio Club, is in charge of the programs for children.

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IT HAPPENS HERE

By Helen McMahon

What goes to make up Christmas? It's the little things, we say. A prayer, a carol, the velvet snow, a passing step that's gay? Long peppermint canes, or angel hair, or a candle's vibrant glow? The glint of tinsel, a pudding, or a sprig of mistletoe? No, 'tis the LITTLE things, we say, and watch the peaceful smile of the Child, born on Christmas Day.

But Christmas also means . . .

An Icy Wind . . .

It's an ill wind that blows, moaned Rosemary Wiltgen as she narrowly escaped being black-and-blued by a window, frame and all, blown off during the wind flurries last week. Roommates Helen Mier and Ann Donavon were also a little provoked with same capricious wind as they viewed the broken pane in one of their windows.

A Party's Joy . . .

And joy there is in a hayrack ride, according to the Seniors. Saturday night the Seniors hitched up old Dobbin to the hayrack, not the sleigh, and spent a gay evening singing songs and devouring hamburgers.

And Special Gifts . . .

not Christmas, but birthday gifts, this time. A dozen red roses apiece helped make Helen Joslin's and Pat Morrison's birthday happy indeed, while Ginnie Heidkamp received a musical powder box—it plays "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

For Girls and Boys . . .

little girls and boys, that is, according to reports heard following Thanksgiving vacation. It seems that some of the Clarke girls with married brothers and sisters found out during vacation that their parents were more intrigued with buying presents for grandchildren than they were for their darling daughters. May sound selfish, but it is frustrating to go to all the bother of tearing little tiny holes in those mysterious packages hidden away, only to find that they contain dolls, or a red fire engine, complete with siren, for nephew Pat.

Something Hoped for . . .

and Clarkites who have seriously considered writing to the U. S. Mint to inform its officials that they don't turn out enough nickels, believe the whole school received an early Christmas present—a coke machine so intelligent it can actually make change. Seems sad, but the days of "Anybody have two nickels for a dime" are gone forever.

Something "Just for Fun" . . .

like the trip Pat Campbell made recently to Davenport or the one Pat Morrey made to Champaign, Ill. Or the "just for fun" attitude Phyllis Frazier and Ann Marie Byrne had one day when they wore their shoes on the wrong feet, testing the powers of observation of their class mates.

A Hint not Heeded . . .

needn't upset a Clarkite too much. So what if Dad won't see his way clear to giving you that new outfit for your Yuletide gift? You can take a clothes hint and make those old pleated skirts which are too short into smart new straight skirts and give Dad a present in the form of reduced bills. It's really simple. All you do is unpleat the skirt and use the width for the length in the new creation.

And—Maybe--Even a Pun . . .

around Christmas time people get sentimental, so it would be in keeping with the season to point out that Clarke is the best school in the country. But Clarke's the best the year round, of course. For when you consider that we have a Thelma Good, Shirley Beddoes, and a Colleen Best, it's easy to see that, compared to other schools, Clarke's Good, Beddoes, Best!

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